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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to conform the claim to allowed claim 1 in corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 00 962 376. Applicants herein amend claim 1 to include that the first dried layer is incubated with streptavidin to form a second homogenous layer of streptavidin. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification as filed, for example, at page 9, lines 1-17. The amendment adds no new matter. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

No fee is required in connection with the filing of this Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. If any fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 11-0171.

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